

CITY COUNCIL

7:00 P.M.

Monday, April 17, 2023

Present: Mayor Wade LeBlanc
Richard DeRosier
Dustin Goutermont
Ben Bautch
Shane Hoff

Excused:

Lana Fralich, City Administrator
David Drown, Community Planner
Dave Nobbe
Don Thompson
Don & Colleen Sievert
Carolyn Hudyma
Kitty Mayo, Lake County Press via ZOOM
Rick Evans, Northshore Journal via ZOOM

LeBlanc called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

Agenda – Motion by Hoff, second Bautch to approve the Agenda as presented. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Consent Agenda – Motion by DeRosier, second Goutermont to approve the meeting minutes from the April 3rd, 2023 Regular Meeting. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Petitions, Requests, and Communications –

MN DNR EAW-Mile Post 7 W Ridge Railroad Relocation, Dam Extensions, and Stream Mitigation Project- The MN DNR will be releasing the EAW for the Mile Post 7 West Ridge Railroad Relocation, Dam Extensions, and Stream Mitigation Project for public review and public comment beginning April 18th – May 18th, 2023. The project combines new facilities at Northshore Mining’s Mile Post 7 tailings basin plus stream mitigation at six different sites, all occurring within the vicinity of Silver Bay. The White Rock Creek Stream mitigation occurs within the city limits. There will be a link to the MN DNR site posted on the city website for public review.

City Newsletter- Council reviewed the Spring/Summer City Newsletter that has been mailed to residents. Mayor has received positive feedback from the public. City staff is moving toward sending the newsletter via email to save costs and are gathering email addresses. Hard copies are available for pick up at City Hall and the Library, as well as posted on the city website. Council thought the newsletter was excellent and thanked staff for getting it completed.

City Administrator –

City Code Section 1239 Adoption & City Code 1210.10 & 1210.13 Amendments-Short Term Rentals- Council reviewed the proposed new code section 1239 regarding short term rentals and clarification of code amendments to Section 1210.10 (Forest Reserve) and 1210.13 (Bayview Park) that has been recommended by the Planning & Zoning Commission. Discussion followed regarding no permits allowed in R-1 or R-2 Districts, the number of permits allowed FR zones is restricted to six (6) total with a conditional use permit, and properties would need to meet the MN Dept of Health requirements and inspections. Further discussion followed on minimum acreage size of 5 acres, the required distance of 300 feet from nearest parcel line in R-1 or R-2 zones, tax benefit to the city by allowing short-term rentals, utility services, and the city's ability to revoke short term rental permit if numerous complaints are received. Motion by DeRosier, second Goutermont to call for a Public Hearing to receive public comments on Monday, May 15th at 7:00 p.m. prior to regular City Council meeting. MOTION CARRIED. Member Goutermont-Aye, Member DeRosier-Aye, Member Bautch-Nay, Member Hoff-Nay, Mayor LeBlanc-Aye.

City Zoning Map Amendment- Planning & Zoning Commission is recommending adoption of the updated city zoning map. There are no changes to the zones, Nelson French has updated the map based on past council meeting minutes to current and correct zones in the city. The updated map will also be available on Lake County GIS and when zones are created or changed, they can be updated instantly. Motion by Goutermont, second DeRosier to call for a Public Hearing to receive public comments on Monday, May 15th at 7:00 p.m. prior to regular City Council meeting. MOTION CARRIED. Member Bautch-Aye, Member Hoff-Aye, Member Goutermont-Aye, Member DeRosier-Aye, Mayor LeBlanc-Aye.

Water/Wastewater Operator Advertisement- Motion by Bautch second Hoff to begin advertising for the open Water/Wastewater Operator position pending waiver from the Union. There was discussion on the need to fill position or to keep vacant. MOTION CARRIED.

Arena Lease-After Prom Committee- Council reviewed lease from the After Prom Committee for use of the Arena May 3rd-6th for the After Prom event. The lease is the same as in the past with a flat rate of \$100.00. Motion by DeRosier, second Hoff to approve lease agreement. MOTION CARRIED.

Coca-Cola Vending Lease- The Parks & Recreation director would like to add vending machines at the Marina and Campground this summer. Council reviewed the agreement with Coca-cola that the city would enter into. There was discussion on vending machines outside versus inside, vandalism/theft, city retaining funds, and video surveillance. Motion by Hoff, second Bautch to approve agreement with Coca-cola for vending services. MOTION CARRIED.

City Attorney – Nothing at this time.

OLD BUSINESS – None at this time.

NEW BUSINESS –

Michael Aho Resignation- Motion by Hoff second Bautch to accept Michael Aho's resignation from the police department with regrets. Council thanks him for his 25 years of service with the Silver Bay Police Department. MOTION CARRIED.

EDA Board Appointment- The EDA is recommending to move from a 5-member board to a 7-member board as allowed by the City Code and appoint by Joe Nicklay and Steve VanHouse to the Board. It was noted the appointment of Steve VanHouse to the EDA Board, will make a quorum of the Planning

& Zoning members at all EDA meetings due to Councilor DeRosier, Nelson French, and Steve VanHouse all serving on both EDA and Planning & Zoning. Discussion followed on combing EDA and Planning & Zoning meetings and meeting quorum requirements. Motion by Goutermont, second Hoff to increase EDA board to 7 members and appoint Joe Nicklay and Steve VanHouse to EDA board with one vacancy to be filled. MOTION CARRIED.

Colleen Sievert, 27 Gibson, expressed concern regarding the Black Beach Park Improvements and allowing for handicap parking and asks that the area be patrolled more often due to many non-handicaps parking in handicap spots. She was assured the current handicap parking area will remain as is and the police department will be asked to patrol area more frequently.

Claims – Motion by DeRosier, second Goutermont to approve payment of \$36,278.46 in unpaid claims and \$366,240.66 in paid claims. MOTION CARRIED.

Mayor LeBlanc – Aye
Member Bautch – Aye
Member Hoff – Aye

Member Goutermont – Aye
Member DeRosier – Aye

Motion by DeRosier, second Bautch to adjourn at 7:50 p.m. MOTION CARRIED.

Minutes taken by Lisa Christenson



Wade LeBlanc, Mayor

Attest:



Lana Fralich, City Administrator